

WHEREAS, A community, state, or nation is only as strong as its schools, and the schools are only as strong as the people of the community, state, or nation strive to make them; and,

WHEREAS, Each citizen in each of his public and private capacities has a direct responsibility to understand, support, and improve the schools; and,

WHEREAS, Each child has a right to quality education relevant to his abilities, background, and goals and designed to help him become a citizen capable of functioning fully within the range of his unique talents; and,

WHEREAS, The public schools serve to promote academic knowledge, vocational preparation, cultural enrichment, development of individual self-esteem and character, enlightened citizenship, and creative thinking for each individual in a society which seeks to improve the quality of life for all mankind;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD F. KNEIP, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby designate September 17, 1973, as

CITIZENSHIP DAY

In South Dakota, and urge all citizens to renew their efforts to learn about the programs and possibilities of our educational system and to help our schools reach their potential of the best education for all.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 15th day of September, in the Year Of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three.



RICHARD F. KNEIP, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



LINDA B. HERDETH, SECRETARY OF STATE